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Warren and Virginia Matthews
New Leaders Called to Topeka First
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Important Dates

Jan. 4 - Camp Directors' Planning Session-Conference Office 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 18 - Conference Board of Trustees Conference Office—10 a.m.

Jan. 26-Feb. 3 - National Meetings, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

Jan. 31-Feb. 7 - Youth Week

Feb. 15-17 - Ministers' Convocation in Topeka

Feb. 17 - Pilgrim Fellowship Planning Session - Conference Office 1:00 p.m.

Feb. 28 - Great Bend Church Dedication - 2:30 p.m.

Mar. 2 - Ash Wednesday

Mar. 4 - World Day of Prayer

Mar. 8-11 - Mrs. Ray Phillips — Kansas Itinerary

Apr. 10 - Palm Sunday

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Apr. 22-24 - State Conference at Great Bend

May 1-8 - National Family Life Week

May 8 - Mother's Day - Festival of the Christian Home

May 15 - Church Vocations Sunday

May 22 - Rural Life Sunday

May 29-June 4 - Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Hi Camp I

June 5-11 - Wa-Shun-Ga Senior Camp

June 12-18 - Wa-Shun-Ga Middler Camp

June 19-25 - Wa-Shun-Ga Junior Hi Camp II

June 17-25 - National Pilgrim Fellowship Council at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.

June 27-30 - Women's Fellowship Retreat at Doane College

July 6-8 - General Synod Meeting at Cleveland

July 6-Aug. 3 - La Foret Pastors' School

July 17-23 - Kansas Family Camp at Estes Park

To Buck Hill Falls

A number of Kansas leaders will take part in the Mid-Winter meetings centered at The Inn at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania in late January and early February: Mrs. Carl Georgeson - Christian Education; Mrs. Roscoe Graves and Mrs. Charles Gunn - Women's Fellowship; Mr. Charles Gunn - Laymen's Fellowship; Rev. Ned Burr McKenney - United Church Committee; Mr. Al Miville - National Committee on O.C.W.M.; Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson - Christian Higher Education Fund Meetings; Miss Alice Huggins - Missionary Education; Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Rymph - various meetings in addition to the general sessions of the General Council.

Back To England

Early in November the Rev. Edward Robinson resigned at Centralia and the Rev. Arthur Jones resigned at Downs. They left November 5th for the east coast where they secured passage to return to their homes in England.

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Sharing The Magic of Christmas

We hope that you've had such a wonderful Christmas
That now that the season is through
You can't help having a New Year
That's perfectly wondeful, too!

Again this year we feel reluctant to let go the spirit of this Blessed Season which "seemed to throw open every door and unlock every heart." May we share with you some glad tidings.

The Floyd Sibleys, pictured above, occupy the parsonage at Kiowa. Radiant with Christmas smiles are Douglas—15, Ronnie—12, Scott—3 and Sheryl—7. Several days each week Mrs. Sibley holds the fort with home and church activities while Mr. Sibley works toward his college degree at Alva, Oklahoma.

The Dale Turners, write from Seattle that they have found the "place with a view" which they were searching for last Christmas. From their new home they view a panoramic sweep of Lake Washington and the Cascade Mountain range from Mt. Baker to Mt. Rainier. In addition to homemaking for Drew-6, Bob-8, Chuck-9 and Greg-18, Leone is directing three children's choirs and doing considerable solo work in piano and voice. Dale is busier than ever, in spite of three associate ministers, who are also busy.

Sadaichi and Marian Asai of Partridge visited their birthplace in California this summer. In their Christmas letter they write: "As thrilling as it was to see the Golden State again, it was even more wonderful to return to the Sunflower State. After our 10 year ministry in Vermont it was a novel experience to have the Partridge Church School and Youth Fellowship continue to meet throughout the summer with no attendance slump."

The Gordon Lancasters have packed many extras into their year in Mobile, Alabama - the Bowl game at Ladd Stadium, the Mardi Gras, a fishing trip with 75 red snappers as the "catch", and a trip to Honduras on a banana boat. They picture March and April in Mobile as a fairyland with the beauty and fragrance of the azaleas. They invite us all to come visit.

The George Fisks pictured above, with Jonathan, Marcia, Cynthia and Madelyn of Rapid City, S.D., formerly at Wichita Fairmount, will move into a new parsonage early in January. Of their new church building just completed they write, "a contemporary building, breath-taking in its beauty and excellence of design and workmanship."

The Jim Ewings of St. Louis, formerly of Lawrence, announce the arrival of Sarah Jo last January. Elizabeth Ann is three. Jim is busy with the United Campus Christian Fellowship program at Washington University.

Highlights of the year for the **Rev. and Mrs. Duane Ogden** of Sabetha were: the arrival of their first grandson, Dennis Duane who came to live with Duane, Jr., and Grace in Michigan, and the adding of a daughter, when Chuck was married in the Sabetha chapel this fall.

The Cecil Curreys, formerly of Downs are in Nebraska where Mr. Currey is working toward his doctorate in Lincoln and preaching at the Congregational Church at Ashland.

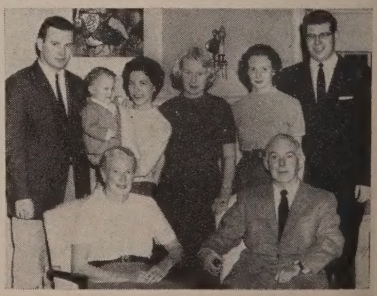
The Millard Marshalls of the Onaga-Wheaton parish write, "the biggest single piece of news was the coming of the first grandchild, December 28, 1958 to the household of Gary and Laurel Becker". Son Bill is coaching at Greensburg, Kansas. Elaine is a Senior in Onaga High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Zimmerman of Whitewater missed some of the church activities at Thanksgiving and Christmas time due to illness, but report that they are better.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Erickson have purchased a home in Edgemont, S.D., where they now serve the Congregational Church. They add—"investment property now, and will be our future home for retirement."

The Milton Vogels formerly of Kansas Council of Churches are now in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where Mr. Vogel is Minister of Christian Education at St. Paul's Methodist Church.

Pictured below are **Dr. and Mrs. Joseph King** (Joe and Helen) of Oberlin, Ohio, formerly of Lawrence, with their family Joe, III with his wife Cherie and son, Scotty; Janet who is a Junior in High School; Carol, who graduated from Oberlin the morning of June 8 and was married that afternoon to Donald Van Houten, standing right.



The Charles Stuarts of Clay Center, Managers of Camp Wa-Shun-Ga for the past 8 years will not be back this summer. Mr. Stuart is now Superintendent of the Clay Center schools.

The Rev. A. H. Wegener, President of the E & R Kansas City Synod, was seriously ill during October and November. He returned to his work in December with Mrs. Wegener assisting as chauffeur and keeping careful watch over his diet.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Graves of Emporia write of their seven grandchildren. Susan, Sarah, Nancy and Martha—ages 2 to 8, live with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Ted Romig in Normal, Ill. In Dayton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves have Timothy, Kimburleigh and Michael—ages 2 to 5. Along with the many activities of Women's Fellowship, they help make life interesting and rewarding for our Kansas W. F. President. Roscoe and Myrtle spent Christmas with the Romigs in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Althaus, pictured below, are of Lawrence Plymouth, where they play active rolls in the life of the church. Mrs. Althaus is Moderator of Eastern Association and Mr. Althaus is Chairman of Conference Budget Committee.

The Al Miville Family, pictured above is of Wichita Concord. Both Al and Polly have been very active in the organization of Concord Church, housing the organization in their home during its first year. Mr. Miville is Chairman of the Conference Stewardship Committee and active in Kansas Laymen's Fellowship.

On Christmas eve the first services were held in the new Congregational Church at **Great Bend.** A family White Gift Vesper Service with the Pilgrim Fellowship and Youth Choirs participating was held at 7:30. At 11:00 P.M., a Candle Light service featured carols, songs of praise and prayer. The two services were attended by 700 people. Rev. Ed Brantz is Minister.

The David Stowes, of our American Board write of Weal, Wisdom, Whirl, Writing and Wrestling and their three daughters and add: "Sometimes exhilarating, but sometimes we wonder if life has to be this frantic, diverse, crammed. We wish we could say, 'no' to things. But then how would we live with our consciences? Yet, if we don't, how are we going to possess our souls?"

The Ed Bagleys of Manhattan bringing in their Christmas tree. You guessed it—a family project.

The Wisegarvers of Anthony write: "The tree is glittering with its lights and tinsel in one of the loveliest parsonages we have yet seen." After four years in Massachusetts they seem glad to be back in Kansas, their home state.

Bill and Marion Keeney, our missionaries in Tepic, Mexico, spent Christmas day enroute to a Christian Youth Camp at Guymas. They had Christmas with the family two days early.

Rev. and Mrs. Gifford Towle of Vadala, India with daughters Nancy, Jean and Alice. Mr. Towle made the rounds of Kansas Associations this fall and hopes to be in Kansas for another visit in March.

From Mayflower Home in Grinnell, Iowa, **Lora Jones (Mrs. John)** writes: "I haven't retired, I am just off salary. Housekeepers can't retire - my garden furnished vegetables for 6 months. I serve on the flower garden committee, lead the Tuesday morning chapel hour, write a column for the monthly log and enjoy the fellowship of the activities and services of the church.

A devoted member of the Kansas City Rosedale parish writes of the **Bonny Children** in their parsonage: "How I do love them! Francis, at nine, with his heart full of love for everyone, is a beloved favorite. Erick, twelve, has such a keen mind, full of affection. Beatrice, fourteen - an honor student, full of the thrills of anticipation and romance, yet filled with deep concern for others; Most capable in the home and plays the piano beautifully."

The Davidsons (Floyd and Esther) of Seabrook report the arrival of the 13th grandchild in June — Steven David, youngest of five for the Forrest Davidsons of Manhattan.

The Bill Bryants of Manhasset, N.Y., formerly of Lawrence, announce the arrival of Leigh in September, pictured below with her three year old brother, Mark.

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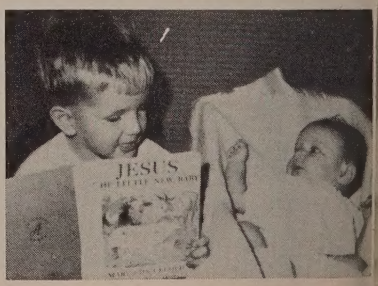


Seated (L. to R.) Col. L. B. Bender—Topeka First; Dr. L. M. Rymph—Conference Superintendent; Charles Gunn—State President of Great Bend; Carl Fisher—State Secretary-Treasurer of Carbondale; Floyd Johnson—Downs; Standing (L. to R.) Charlie Glenn—Osborne; Charles Armstrong—State Moderator of Muscotah; Raymond Bell—National Committeeman of McPherson; Tom Riseling—Whitewater; Al Miville—Wichita Concord; Tsuneo Tajima—State Vice President of Topeka First; Hamlin Miller—Onaga.

KANSAS LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS MEET

On Sunday, December 6, Kansas Laymen met in Topeka for a planning session following a dinner at the State Parsonage as guests of Dr. L. M. Rymph.

Mr. Charles Gunn, President, reported on the Midwestern Laymen's Meeting held at Oak Park in October. Plans were made for the laymen's meeting at the time of the State Conference, April 22-24 in Great Bend, when Dr. Harold Wilke will address the group. Dr. Wilke is Secretary of the Commission on Church and Ministry of the E and R Fellowship. Mr. Raymond Bell urged Kansas laymen to continue support of the "Off to Adventure" TV series for children. To date Kansas has raised $625.00 for this program.

Plans for Kansas Seventh Annual Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop were discussed. It will be held at Great Bend, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18. Guest leaders will conduct workshops on Churchmanship as it relates to Men's Work in the Local Church," "Making a Will," and "The Churches Mission." The program will feature inspiration, worship and fellowship.

Mr. Gunn will represent Kansas at the meeting of State Presidents at Buck Hill Falls in late January and early February.

Topeka First Calls Minister

Dr. A. Warren Matthews, Dean of the Chapel at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska has accepted a unanimous call to become the Minister of First Congregational Church, Topeka. He will preach in Topeka at least once each month until June first when he will begin full-time leadership.

He holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland where he lived two years until Aug, 1958. He spoke often in Congregational and Presbyterian Churches in Scotland and spent six weeks as an interim minister in Kirriemuir, Angus.

Dr. Matthews was born January 28, 1930 in Greensboro, N.C., and graduated from high school there in 1948. He received an AB degree in philosophy in 1952 from Elon College in North Carolina.

Hartford Theological Seminary gave him an entrance scholarship in September, 1952. While there he was president of the student body. He received his BD degree in 1955.

He studied a year at Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences before going to Scotland. During his academic studies, Dr. Matthews spent considerable time serving Congregational churches. He served two years as assistant to the minister in four churches in North Carolina and Virginia.

While at Hartford, he was assistant minister of Center Congregational Church at Manchester, Conn., and during the summer of 1955 he directed a summer-long vacation church school in Greensboro, N.C. He was licensed to preach in 1950 and ordained in 1955.

His wife, Virginia, is also a graduate of Elon College where she majored in physical education and minored in history and science. Since their marriage in 1954, she has assisted her husband in teaching and other work of the church. She is a teacher in the Crete, Nebraska school system.

Kirk Leaves Plymouth

Just as this issue goes to press, we have word that Dr. George Ogden Kirk resigned at Plymouth Church, Wichita on December 27 to accept the pastorate of the First Congregational Church at Muskegon, Michigan beginning May 1.

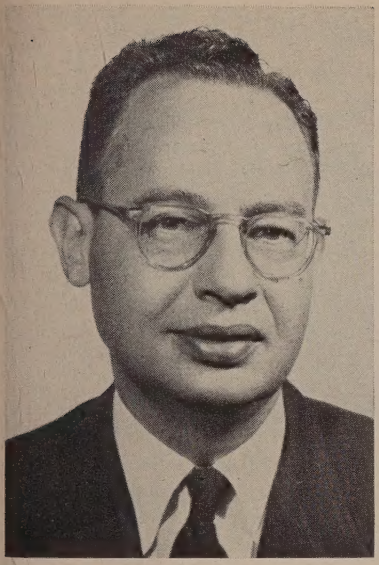
The church at Muskegon has a membership of almost 1700 with a plant valued at $900,000. The retiring minister has served the church for thirty years.

Dr. Kirk has served Plymouth Church for more than five years. During his pastorate more than 900 members have been received, the budget has almost doubled and all areas of the church program have been stepped up. Dr. Kirk has served the larger fellowship on the Wichita Extension Committee and as chairman of the Conference Special Gifts Committee. The Kirks will be greatly missed in our Kansas Fellowship.

J. D. Schmidt Retires

The Rev. J. D. Schmidt, for the past eight years minister of our church at Haven, has retired due to ill health. Mr. Schmidt has served the Haven Church faithfully and well on a part-time basis. He previously served our Whitewater and Newton Churches.

Mrs. Schmidt has taught kindergarten at Haven for a number of years and plans to continue teaching for the present. On January 3rd, Dr. Rymph filled the Haven pulpit and attended a tea honoring the Schmidts in the afternoon.



Washburn Convocation

Dr. Seward Hiltner of Chicago pictured above will be the chapel speaker when the ministers meet in Topeka, February 15, 16 and 17. Following his chapel presentation on "What Psychiatry Says to Religion" and "What Religion Says to Psychiatry", the ministers will have an hour with him for expansion and discussion of these subjects.

Dr. Hiltner is Professor of Pastoral Theology, The Federated Theological Faculty, The University of Chicago, serving the University's Divinity School, the Chicago Theological Seminary, the Disciples Divinity House, the Meadville Theological School. Also Chairman of the Faculty's Field of Religion and Personality; Pastoral Consultant, "Pastoral Psychology" magazine; consultant and member of faculty, the Program in Religion and Psychiatry, the Menninger Foundation of Topeka.

Books written by Dr. Hiltner include "Religion and Health", "Pastoral Counseling", "Self-Understanding", "Sex Ethics and the Kinsey Reports", "Sex and the Christian Life", "Preface to Pastoral Theology", "The Christian Shepherd".

Dr. Nathanael Guptill, Associate Minister and Director of The Department of the Ministry of the General Council, featured in the November magazine, will make three presentations.

A new feature in this year's program is the consideration of a thought provoking book, "The Riddle of Roman Catholicism" by Jaroslav Pelikan. Each minister is urged to read the book in advance and come prepared to take part in a discussion led by Julian Johnson, Merton Rymph, Ed Mehlhaff and Oscar Bonny. Two copies are available for loan for one week to those making request to the Conference Office.

Leading the Morning Prayers each day will be the Rev. Elmo Paff. Mr. Bonny will serve as Moderator and the Rev. Steve Williams as Treasurer. A discussion on The United Church will be led by the Rev. Paul Davis with Mr. Guptill as resource person.

As usual the two and one-half days will feature fellowship. Some 25 out-of-town ministers will be housed at the state parsonage, and all are invited to share the "after hour" sessions there. Every minister should share in this "family circle" experience.

Muscotah Calls Minister

Mr. Ross Shinn of Towanda, a licensed minister of Southern Association, has accepted a call to our Muscotah church and began leadership there on January first.

The United Church of Christ

It has been said that the birth of the United Church of Christ "may be rightly rated as unique in the annals of Western Protestantism." Whether or not we see the truth of this statement depends on how broadly we view the Church and how realistic we are about the challenges facing the Church in this age.

The single most important reason for the Union is that it provides Protestant Christianity a deeper impact on modern life. The needs of people and the cause of Christ are hereby more effectively served. In terms of theology, personal devotion, home and world missions, evangelism, and resources of people, money and agencies, the Christian movement is given better focus, more influential outreach.

And what is equally, if not more, important, the United Church opens the way to other unions among Protestant denominations. The union of a covenanted fellowship and a confessional church points the direction to a much more dynamic Protestantism whose divisive weakness is overcome. The United Church comes nearer being the Church in the present. It enables separate churches to be more nearly the Church in the future. The wisdom of the Union is as basic as that.

The current stage in consolidation of the Union is that of preparation of a constitution for the United Church. A draft document was submitted to the churches for study and suggestions by the General Synod in July of 1959. Now the Commission to Prepare a Constitution is putting this document into final form to submit to a special session of the General Synod, July 5-8, 1960, which will, after consideration refer it to the churches.

The fall and winter of 1960-61 wi be the crucial period when the churche of our free fellowship will be expecte to vote their approval or disapprova When two-thirds of the Congregation al Christian churches voting, and tw thirds of the Evangelical and Reform ed synods, approve the constitution an by-laws, the General Synod can fo mally declare the Constitution ratifie

In the judgment of your Conferenc Committee on the United Church, th proposed constitution keeps faith wit and further enunciates and impl ments the principles laid down in th Basis of Union. It thus marks a fu ther maturing and orderly developmer of the process of uniting.

We stand ready to assist ou churches in their study of the Unio and a special presentation will be mad at the State Conference sessions Great Bend, April 22-24, 1960.

As a committee we urge all church to study the constitution next fall, vo at the time scheduled, exercising the rights and responsibilities as fr churches, and thus move forward achieve our high hopes in the Unit Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ Cor mittee:

Ned Burr McKenney, Chairman
Dan Hopkins, Secretary
L. Merle Rymph, Supt.
Roscoe Graves
Mrs. Elizabeth Gunn
Paul R. Davis

Topeka Council Leader

The Rev. Joseph L. Hughes of Pa Forest, Illinois has accepted a call become Executive Secretary of T Topeka Council of Churches.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs Roscoe W. Graves, President

Second National Women's Fellowship Tour

Fellowship came to have added meaning for 21 CC women from the United States, Canada, England and Holland on a tour to become acquainted with the work of our churches, with the problems of refugees and with the outstanding service of the World Council of Churches. It was interracial as well as international. Our leader was Mary Ann Williams (Mrs. Robert G.) of Florida, former president of the National Fellowship of Congregational Women and the first president of the International Women's Fellowship Council.

After a fine send-off given by men and women of our National offices in New York, nineteen boarded the Queen Elizabeth for Southhampton, England. In London we were met by two more, one from London, one from Amsterdam. By living in the homes of our church women and meeting them in and near London, in Wales and Scotland, for discussion of mututal problems, we felt a close kinship. In Holland we were entertained in homes and attended a church service with the Remonstrant Brotherhood which is a member of the International Congregational Council.

In Austria, representatives of the World Council guided us to several refugee camps to which many came after World War II and after the Hungarian Revolution. Solution of problems of those who can never migrate from these camps rests with the World Council.

At Cevenol Fellowship Center and College (our mission project) at Le Chambon-sur-lignon, France, we had 4 delightful days. Mr. and Mrs. Kenrick Baker, missionaries of the American Board, are fraternal workers to the French Reformed Church there. The College, begun in 1938, has been given aid for buildings and scholarships by the American Board.

In Geneva we visited the World Council. Besides responsibility for the welfare of refugees all over the world, their advisory responsibility includes areas of rapid social change, youth work camps, and health projects for people all over Europe.

We left New York Sept. 23rd and returned November 3, 1959. The sun smiled on our entire journey and the beauty of the autumn colors added to its inspiration.

Genevieve Angevine (Mrs.)
1510 N. Vassar, Wichita

Note: Mrs. Angevine is available to share this rich experience in local Women's Fellowship meetings and other church groups. In the picture, Mrs. Angevine is in the middle row, third from left.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Fellowship Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Louise M. Sloo
Mrs. Minnie F. Betz
By Topeka Central Fellowship

Mrs. August Bechtold
Mrs. Minnie Alaway
By Gaylord Fellowship

Mrs. A. E. Bump
Mrs. Will L. Brown
Mrs. Art P. Woodford
By Wichita Plymouth Fellowship

Irene Frances Myers Koch
By Sabetha Fellowship

Miss Milicent Hosmer
By Topeka First Fellowship

God Is Love

A mighty river rushing uncontrolled to its ultimate goal serves mankind in a more useful way when brought under control by the devotion and skill of an engineer. God's love is to be found everywhere, yet when it is channeled thru the loving heart of a human being it finds its greatest usefulness.

Our Women's Memorial Fund serves a dedicated purpose and we can see its usefulness in the work of our Women's Fellowship. We have a responsibility to the women whom we honor through the Memorial Fund; to strive for progress in understanding and carrying out the will of God as church women. "All we can do is worth nothing unless God bless the deed!"

As we go about doing the small or large tasks in our churches, let us remember every once in a while in our quietness, the underlying foundation of this structure called life; LOVE'. And let us also remember the silent strength that helps support our Women's Fellowship, the Memorial Fund!

To date forty-six names have been added to the Memorial Fund this year and $144.71 has been given in loving memory of those who have departed.

Mrs. William Ehlers,
Memorial Fund Secretary

Women's Fellowship Sunday

Many Kansas churches observed W.F. Sunday early in November, but Mount Hope reports that 24 women participated in their program on the theme - "How Faithful Is Our Witness?" Missionaries dressed to represent the countries they served interpreted the expanse of Our Christian World Mission.

Miss Alice Huggins spoke at Seneca and at Topeka First on two Sundays early in November, and Mrs. Angevine filled the pulpit at Wichita Fairmount in the interest of Women's Fellowship.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Dick Epps, President **Linda Wheeler, Secretary**

Work Day For Christ Receipts

Eastern Association

KC Rosedale	$ 31.00
KC Ruby	80.83
KC Welborn	92.50
Lawrence Plymouth	75.88
Manhattan	26.00
Maple Hill	51.50
Onaga	50.00
Prairie Village	33.00
Stanley	30.62
Topeka Central	45.32
Topeka Seabrook	55.00
	$ 571.65

Southern Association

Mount Hope	$ 107.37
Udall	10.00
Whitewater	115.00
Wichita-Fairmount	38.50
Wichita Plymouth	127.50
	$ 398.37

Western Association

Almena	18.00
Ellis	27.80
Ford	42.50
Gaylord	23.75
Gorham	190.00
Great Bend	47.50
Kinsley	47.78
Lenora	69.75
Olive Hill	31.00
Russell	80.00
	578.08
Grand Total	$1,548.10

Did you have a Workday For Christ? If your money has not been sent to the Conference Office, please send as soon as possible.

Christmas Tour

On Sunday, December 27, 31 Pilgrims from Lawrence, including Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dalton, Sponsors, and the Rev. and Mrs. Max Thomas, boarded a special car on the Portland Rose for Denver. They spent four days visiting religious centers and other points of interest. They also took in an ice-hockey game and a show, "Porgy and Bess." Funds to make the trip possible were raised by sponsoring city-wide Fun Fests.

Many Nations Dinner

Anthony P.F'ers raised $78.62 and afforded much good fellowship at a Sunday evening dinner in late November. Tables were decorated and waitresses costumed in keeping with a goodly number of countries where we have mission stations.

Thanks

Sincere thanks have been received from Duane Estes and the Rev. Floyd Sibley who received scholarships from Kansas P.F. A letter from Dave Cutting was printed in November. These scholarships represent $900.00 of Our Christian Action money.

OBSERVE

YOUTH WEEK

January 31-February 7

We are delighted that Uncle Steve Williams is much improved and plans to carry thru as Director at Wa-Shun-Ga this summer.

Sharing The Magic Of Christmas

(Continued from page 6)

The Rev. Hylton Harman is serving as supply minister at **Kansas City First Pilgrim.** Christmas services included the hanging of the greens, Church School White Gift service, caroling and a candlelight service Christmas eve.

Christmas at our **Eureka Church** began November 22 with more than 100 people gathered for a Family Christmas Workshop and supper which followed. Lighting of the candles in the Advent Wreath began on November 29, and Christmas reached a high point in the presentation of the children's program on December 20. Rev. Joseph Morgan is Minister and Mrs. Morgan gave leadership in many of the programs.

A Family Caroling party has become traditional in our **Ellis Church** each year when families sing for shut-ins and then enjoy a chili supper at the parsonage. On Christmas Sunday evening the P.F'ers presented a lovely pageant, "The Birth of a King." The Christmas Eve candlelight service climaxed the season.

At Russell, thirty families responded to the Christmas Workshop on December 6 when the meaning of the Advent Wreath was explained and families joined in making a wreath to take home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wedell of Great Bend announce the arrival of a second grandson.

Chaplain and Mrs. Glenn J. Witherspoon report their first grandchild, Ben John, born August 3. The Witherspoons went into the service in 1941 following a pastorate at McPherson.

The Richard Zoppels, with Carol, Mark, Christina and Martha, ages 2 to 9, are having a happy time in San Leandro, California among the blooming poinsettias.

The Rev. Hans Poppe reports 121 members in his new church at Sioux Falls, S.D. Funds for a first unit are being raised in April.

The Orville Heplers of Huron, S.D., announce an addition to their family in the arrival of a black dachshound puppy - Gretchen - lone offspring of Gretel owned by the Hans Poppes of Sioux Falls. The Heplers are happy in their church council work and the family is fine.

The Charles Brewsters of Yankton held Open House at Christmas for Debbie and husband of Union Seminary, son John from Yale, along with Mother Holt. They are watching with keen anticipation the construction of a new R. E. building.

A "Top 'O The Year" Party began at Central Church in Topeka at 9 o'clock on New Year's eve. Games, dancing, group singing and a snack bar furnished many and varied activities for everyone Junior Hi age to ninety. At 11:30 everyone gathered in the sanctuary for a service of worship and praise conducted by the three ministers, followed at midnight by further gaity and a smorgasbord supper.

During Christmas Vacation, the **Rev. Vernon Kurz** and family moved to Denver, Colorado where Mr. Kurz began as pastor of the Salem United Church of Christ.

Kenneth Price of partridge returned in November after spending six months in Norway under the International Farm Youth Exchange program sponsored by the National 4-H Club Foundation.

Birthday Party

In October the Newton United Church of Christ celebrated the first anniversary of the federation of the C. C. and E & R churches there. Shown in the picture are the Rev. Al Bartter, Minister, and Mr. John Cottingham, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Plows For India

Those who heard Rev. Gifford Towle of India speak at Association meetings, will be pleased to know that Kansas is beginning to send money for plows. We know that he has received a "Seneca plow" and a "Topeka First plow." At Kansas City Rosedale, the children of the church school took as their "Trick or Treat" Halloween project, "Plows for India." Results - $164.00 - almost six plows! In a campaign called, "Pennies for Plows", Prairie Village church school raised $190.00 - nearly seven plows.

Each plow costs $28.00, which is not too large a sum for even a small group. The plows are rented to Indian farmers for five cents a day, which pays the upkeep, and the number that can be used profitably is almost unlimited. We hope other church schools will send money for a plow until Mr. Towle will have one working for every CC church in Kansas.

You Are Invited

The Great Bend Congregational Church, 3400-21st street, wishes to invite members of Kansas Congregational and E and R Churches to attend the Dedication Services of their new church on Sunday, February 28, 1960 at 2:30 o'clock. Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister and Secretary of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches and Co-President of the United Church of Christ, will be Guest Speaker, with Dr. Merle Rymph giving the Dedicatory Prayer and the Reverend Edward H. Brantz, presiding. A reception will follow the service.

Installation Service

On Sunday, January 24, the Rev. Ray Carlton Jones will be installed as Minister of the Bryn Mawr Community Church in Chicago. Mr. Jones will read a paper giving his personal and spiritual autobiography at 4:00 p.m. At the formal service at 7:30, Dr. Albert Penner, President of the Massachusetts State Conference will give the sermon. Dr. Penner was the pastor of Mr. Jones' home church in Holyoke, Mass., while Mr. Jones was in college and seminary.

Serving Osborne

The Rev. A. A. Van Sickle, retired Baptist Minister, has served our Osborne Church during 1959. Under his leadership, 33 new members have been received and all areas of the church program have shown progress. In this day of great shortage of ministers, we are sincerely grateful for such loyal and devoted service.

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

New Visual Aids

Sons And Heirs (Part 2) Youth-adults.

The concluding half of the story begun last quarter of 1959. Depicts the beginnings of Eric's struggle to atone for the wrong he had done.

Sharing Our Beliefs (Children)

Story of how some American Church School children learned of a need in Honduras and made a tremendous contribution toward satisfying that need.

Members One Of Another: (FSSC)

Deals with personal relationships—". . . a man stood at the gate of his life." He invited some people in to share his life—turned his back on others. Occasionally he opened the gate wide and enjoyed a different relationship in knowing others.

The Rhodesia Mission: FSRC

Story of Chikore Mission—the church, education-medical-agricultural-all pictured beneath the beautiful mountains of Gazaland where many are still under the yoke of primitive traditions. (Bope Mlamba and his family are pictured in this filmstrip.)

Today In South Africa: FSRC

Work of the McCord Hospital and the Jan Hofmeyer School of which Dr. Ray Phillips was director.

The Races Of The Union Of South Africa: FSS

Interesting story begins when Portuguese found the Hottentots and Bantus on Cape of Good Hope in 1488 showing progress of races, culture, education, industry and life today.

The Work of the Church in Ghana: FSSC

Visit of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Braun's trip to Ghana to visit their daughter and son, missionaries in Worawora and the work being done there.

Visual Aid Suggestions For Use In First Quarter, 1960

Sons And Heirs (Part 2) FSSC
Sharing Our Beliefs: FSSC
The Church Around The World: FSSC
Sunday Around The World: FSSC
Growing As World Friends: FSSC
Tumba Of Africa: FSSC

Code Explanation: FSS-filmstrip with script: FSR-filmstrip with record: "C" after code—incidates in color.

All visual aids are available from The Conference Office, for payment of postage both ways. Requests should be made at least one week in advance.